

**MINUTES FOR USD251 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 12, 2009**  
**AMERICUS BOARD OFFICE, AMERICUS, KANSAS**  
**8:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at District Office Board Room by Bill Leffler, President.

Members present: Jim Davis, Bill McClellan, Sally Anderson, Bill Leffler, Wayne Symmonds, Sara Meenen, Mike Nulton, Superintendent and Cindy Jackson, Board Clerk.

Guests present: Doug Boline, Craig Idacavage. Aron Dody and Peggy Fort

Sally Anderson (Davis) moved for approval of the agenda and consensus items with the additions in bold.

1. Approval of agenda and consensus items listed below **with additions in bold**
  - a. Minutes of September 28, 2009 Regular Meeting
  - b. 43848-43879 SM payroll
  - c. DD7416-7469 SM payroll
  - d. 43880-43945 Bill listing
  - e. Approval of Free Textbook Application #77, **79, 80 & 82**
  - f. Acceptance of resignation of Jana Mork, custodian at Admire School as of 10/16/09
  - g. Approval of contract for Keianna Thompson as custodian at Reading School, upon the retirement of Charles Bahnmaier
  - h. Approval of a supplemental contract to Craig Idacavage as NLC Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach for the 2009-10 school year
  - i. **Transfer from General Fund to At Risk - \$70,000.00, Vocational Education - 25,000.00, Professional Development - \$10,000.00**
  - j. **9/30/09 Treasurer's Report**

There were no hearings of delegations.

The principals reported to the board as follows:

Mr. Dody: Testing has gone well. The Americus Site Council has met and would like to see enforcement of the District's Tobacco Policy uniform throughout the district. The council also discussed cost saving ideas for the district including lengthening the school day and/or consolidating attendance centers.

Mr. Idacavage: Testing has gone well at Admire also. Admire's Site Council has met and also discussed cost saving ideas for the district including looking at a 4 day week. Admire is proud of it's attendance center and would like to see it stay a viable attendance center.

Mrs. Fort: The combined volleyball team placed fourth in the league tournament. Reading's site council met and their discussions included the possibility of combining all jr. high students for sports considering the declining enrollment issues the district is facing.

Mr. Boline: The NHHS Site Council has met and discussed School Climate and the Character Education program.

The Board asked the principals to review their current policy in regard to cell phones and the principals discussed thier policies and agreed that it was not a problem area at this time.

Sarah Meenen (Symmonds) moved to go into executive session to discuss matters affecting a student for a period of five minutes inviting Mr. Nulton to attend. (8:22 p.m.)

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:27 p.m. Wayne Symmonds (Davis) moved to accept the KASB recommendation to uphold the hearing officer's ruling regarding matters affecting a student.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session and Sarah Meenen (Symmonds) moved to return to executive session for a period of five minutes to discuss matters affecting a student inviting Mr. Nulton to attend. (8:30 p.m.)

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session and Sarah Meenen (Symmonds) moved to return to executive session for a period of five minutes to discuss matters affecting a student inviting Mr. Nulton to attend. (8:36 p.m.)

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session and Sarah Meenen (Symmonds) moved to return to executive session for a period of five minutes to discuss matters affecting a student inviting Mr. Nulton to attend. (8:41 p.m.)

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session and Sarah Meenen (Symmonds) moved to return to executive session for a period of five minutes to discuss matters affecting a student inviting Mr. Nulton to attend. (8:46 p.m.)

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session and Sarah Meenen (Symmonds) moved to return to executive session for a period of five minutes to discuss matters affecting a student inviting Mr. Nulton to attend. (8:51 p.m.)

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:56 p.m.

The Clerk read a thank you to the board and reminded the Board that the current cash summary was in their packet.

The President reminded the Board of the open meetings rules and cautioned members regarding upholding all rules.

The Superintendent reviewed capital outlay expenses incurred by the District during the current fiscal year and gave the Board an update regarding a school nurse and recommended to the Board to hire Heather Arndt as the School Nurse for USD 251.

Sally Anderson (Symmonds) moved to hire Heather Arndt to perform school nurse duties as needed for USD 251.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Jim Davis (Meenen) moved for adjournment at 9:07 p.m.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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Cindy Jackson, Board Clerk